



PITHY LOCALS.

Mr. W. A. Baldwin had the first Wilmington raised strawberries in market yesterday. They were fine ones and sold at 25 cents per quart.

Don't forget the sale of valuable front street property near Grace street, at 12 o'clock today. The sale will take place in front of the premises.

On March 3rd a gold watch and chain were stolen in a mysterious way from Mrs. Alex. Boon. It was taken out of the residence, and Deputy Sheriff William Gulon has since been working on the matter. He succeeded in tracing the watch and chain and recovered and returned them to the owner. They were gotten from J. D. Baldwin, who lives on the south. Two colored boys 12 or 15 years of age sold the watch to him for 50 cents and the chain for 5 cents. The boys have not been caught.

Hall's Hair Renewer cures dandruff and scalp affections; also causes of baldness where the glands which feed the roots of the hair are not closed up.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. E. B. Wright, of Hub, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. John D. Cullie was in the city on business yesterday.

Mr. H. B. Short, of Lake Waccamaw, was here yesterday.

Mr. J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. L. A. Gray has moved from this city to Augusta, Ga.

Mr. George T. Parker, of Chinquepin, is here making business calls.

Mr. P. C. Ennis, of Raleigh, is in the city, and is a guest of The Orton.

Mr. N. V. A. McLean and son, of Lumberton, visited the city yesterday.

Mr. William McQueen, of Rowland, arrived here on business yesterday.

Colonel John F. Bruton, of Wilson, spent yesterday in the city on business.

Mrs. M. A. Ihrie, of Pittsboro, N. C., is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Thomas C. James.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. E. T. Coghill, manager of the Bell Telephone Company, is quite sick.

Colonel C. S. McCall, of Bennettsville, S. C., who arrived here Tuesday on business, returned home yesterday.

Miss Alice Pigford arrived home last evening from Washington, D. C., where she has been on a visit of several weeks.

Mrs. H. K. Galpin, of Chicago, Ill., will arrive this evening on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. P. Monroe. We are glad to learn that little Willie P. Monroe, Jr., is better.

Among the out-of-town people here on business Monday were Messrs. S. O. Schenck, of King; H. P. Potter, of Ashboro; E. D. Gordon, of Rocky Mount; E. Felton, of Pee Dee; O. B. Cox, of Catherine Lake, and F. W. Hargett and John Koonce, of Jacksonville.

The Atlantic Coast Line has issued a handsome tri-colored circular concerning rates to the Southern Baptist convention, which meets in Wilmington May 6th to 14th. The rate will be one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold May 3rd to 7th for all points, and to May 8th from points within 100 miles, limited to fifteen days for the return. There will be Pullman sleepers on all trains.

The circular contains a cut of the First Baptist church, in which the convention is to be held and notes the following meetings to be held:

Baptist Young Peoples Societies of the South meets May 5th and 6th; American Baptist Education Society meets May 6th; Southern Baptist Education Conference meets May 6th and 7th; Woman's Baptist Missionary Union meets May 7th and 11th; Southern Baptist Convention meets May 7th to 13th.

Justice Bunting's Court.

In Justice R. H. Bunting's court yesterday J. G. Bundy, colored, charged with larceny, was discharged as there was not probable cause.

Abram Nutt, Tom Lane and James Brady, colored, arrested on suspicion of taking Mr. Tom Sykes' trunk from the Rock Spring hotel on Monday night, were given a hearing and were discharged as there was not probable cause. Nutt was given a hearing for carrying a concealed deadly weapon, a pair of metal knucks, and was bound over to court in a bond of \$50. He failed to give bond and was committed to jail.

Cornelius Hayes and Carter Peamon, colored, charged with an attempt to procure an abortion, were discharged, as there was not probable cause.

Anxiety for a Greek Steamer.

Athens, March 24.—Considerable anxiety is felt here for the safety of the Greek steamer Hera, which started for Crete on March 19th, with a cargo of provisions for the Greek troops in the island and has not yet returned. On board the steamer were the president of the chamber of deputies and a number of other prominent persons.

A PROGRESSIVE CONCERN.

The Electric Light Works Improved to the Extent of \$11,000.—Remarkable Progress in Ten Years.—The Gas Works to Be Improved.

One of the most progressive concerns in our city is the Wilmington Gaslight Company. Whenever science advances, the company promptly takes advantage of it to improve both its electric light and gas plants. It is always among the first to put in the most modern improved machinery, and since the new year began has made improvements exceeding \$11,000 in cost.

The electric light plant has just put in a 200-horse power monocyte dynamo with a capacity for 3,000 incandescent lights. It can also be used in furnishing power to motors. Mr. H. P. Loring, of Philadelphia, representing the General Electric Company, of that city, has been here several days putting in the new machine. It was tested for the first time on Monday night, and the test was completed last night. All the lights in the city were turned on and the machine "never felt it," as the phrase goes. The test has been highly satisfactory. All the lights in the city were only a half load for it. The dynamo makes 335 revolutions a minute and its exciting 300 revolutions a minute, which shows the astonishing speed at which it is whirling. To show how modern this new dynamo is, we learn that it has not been on the market a year.

Mr. Loring has also put in a new double pole double switchboard. This switchboard is a masterpiece of modern engineering. By this switchboard the circuits throughout the city can be thrown in a half second onto any one of the three incandescent dynamo in the plant. Heretofore in switching from one dynamo to the other, the lights throughout the city would be out five seconds. Now the change will be almost instantaneous. The necessity for switching from one dynamo to the other is made by the number of lights to be supplied. For instance at 4 o'clock in the afternoon 100 incandescent lights are turned on, one of the small dynamo can furnish these, but by 6 o'clock when perhaps three or four times that number are to be turned on, it is necessary to switch to the big dynamo. On this new switchboard there are two indicators, or clock-like devices—one to indicate how many lights are burning throughout the city and the other to indicate the intensity with which the lights are burning. There is also a device for testing each circuit to see if the wires are intact. By turning a thumb screw, the superintendent can tell whether there is a break or ground anywhere along the wires.

Mr. Loring leaves today for Hub, where he goes to inspect the electric light plant recently installed there. He will return here in a few days to see that everything is working all right.

The electric light plant has also been improved by the addition of a new 300-horsepower automatic cut-off, cross compound Ball engine. It has one high pressure cylinder of sixteen inches diameter and sixteen inch stroke, and a low pressure cylinder of twenty-eight inch diameter and sixteen inch stroke. It has two driving wheels eighty inches in diameter and a rim surface of two feet. The driving wheels make 240 revolutions a minute. The floor space occupied by the engine is ten feet by three inches by thirteen feet four inches. The steam pipe is six inches in diameter and the exhaust pipe fourteen inches. The engine is capable of 100 pounds pressure on the high pressure cylinder. The machine runs as smoothly as a top, and was tested the last time last night, preparatory to being turned over to the company. Mr. Charles Sterling, an expert from the establishment of Crook, Horner & Co., Baltimore, has been here installing the new engine. It was supplied by that company.

In addition to the new machinery just put in the company has built a two-story brick annex, 35x20 feet, to its power house, to be used as a machine shop on the first floor and a storeroom on the second story. There has also been added a new arc light switchboard designed by Mr. John W. Reilly, the superintendent, and also a 350-horse power heater, designed by Mr. Reilly and made by Messrs. Burr & Bailey, of this city. The switchboard was made by the company's own machinists and electricians.

The improvements to the electric light plant cost over \$11,000 and is but evidence of the progressiveness of the company. The new gas plant gives the company three incandescent dynamo and five arc light dynamo, capable of developing 4,650 incandescent lights of sixteen candle power each, and 175 arc lights of 2,000 candle power. The new engine gives the plant five Ball engines, with an aggregate of 635 horsepower. There are three boilers of 125 horse power each, capable of developing 375 engine horse power.

The growth of the electric light plant may be judged, when we state that when it was started up in 1886 there were only 75 arc lights and 10 incandescent lights. In 1889 when the present company bought out the plant their capacity was 600 incandescent lights and 75 arc lights, compared to 4,650 incandescent and 250 arc lights now. All the new machinery was placed by the company's own machinists and electricians under the supervision of the superintendent.

We learn that the company about the 1st of April will also begin to renew its entire gas plant.

Before concluding we must thank Superintendent Reilly and Messrs. Loring and Sterling for courteous attention.

Savannah, Ga., April 26, 1896.

Having used three bottles of P. P. P. for impure blood and general weakness and having derived great benefit from the same, having gained 11 pounds in weight in four weeks, I take great pleasure in recommending it to all unfortunate like

Yours truly,

JOHN MORRIS.

Office of J. N. McElroy, Druggist, Orlando, Fla., April 20, 1891.

Messrs. Lippman Bros., Savannah, Ga.: Dear Sirs—I set three bottles of P. P. P. in the size yesterday, and one bottle small size today.

The P. P. P. cured my wife of rheumatism winter before last. It came back on her the past winter and a half bottle, \$1.00 size, relieved her again, and she has not had a symptom since.

I sold a bottle of P. P. P. to a friend of mine, one of the turkeys, a small one, took sick and his wife gave it a teaspoonful, that was in the evening, and the little fellow turned over like he was dead, but next morning was up hollowing and well.

Yours respectfully,

J. N. McELROY.

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Savannah, Ga., March 17, 1891.

Messrs. Lippman Bros., Savannah, Ga.: Dear Sirs—I have suffered from rheumatism for a long time and did not find a cure until I found P. P. P. which completely cured me.

Yours truly,

ELIZA F. JONES.

16 Orange St., Savannah, Ga.

THE HOTEL ON THE BEACH.

The New Plans Forwarded to Mr. Campbell, at Charlotte—Work to Be Commenced on the Building Next Week—Charlotte People Elated.

The Messenger mentioned a few days ago that Mr. George Campbell, of the Central Hotel, at Charlotte, N. C., had entered into an arrangement with the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad Company to erect a new hotel on Ocean View beach. We stated then that the plans for the building had been referred back to the architect, Mr. H. E. Bonitz, for some changes. Mr. Bonitz has completed the plans and forwarded them yesterday to Mr. Campbell at Charlotte. Mr. Bonitz tells us that in all probability work will be commenced on the new hotel next week.

The new plans provide for a two-story building with a width of 72 feet and a frontage of 317 feet on the ocean. It is to be erected on the site of the old Brown bath houses, near the new pavilion erected a couple of years ago. The building will contain sixty-five rooms, each 15 feet wide, running all around the hotel. A large and elegant parlor will be provided for, and there will be a hall 40 by 41 feet, to be used as an office and convertible into a ball room. The dining room will be 40 by 108 feet. The bar and kitchen will be on the second floor. The hotel is to be provided with fire places and flues so they can be used in damp or cool weather, or in the event that the hotel is kept open during the winter. From a private letter from Mr. Campbell to Mr. George R. French, president of the Wilmington Seacoast railroad, we make the following extract:

"We ought to get everything ready and the contract let and commenced work next week. We have no time to lose now. There has been great excitement here over the prospects of the new hotel. There has been enough people here in the last two or three days who want to go there to fill the house. All the trade that goes to Blowing Rock from here, I can take down there. The hotel can be easily filled and the thing now is to hustle and get it built."

Shooting Affray on Water Street.

In a difficulty yesterday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock on Water street, between Market and Dock streets, David Lique, colored, shot Henry Johnson, colored, with a pistol. The ball hit Johnson on the left leg just below the knee, and striking the bone glanced and ploughed through the calf of the leg, coming out through the muscle. The difficulty occurred in front of Adolphus Thomas' bar.

Johnson says he gave Lique no provocation for shooting him. His story is that they were "running on," or guffing each other, and that when he called Lique a vile name, he drew his revolver and shot him.

Lique stated to a Messenger reporter that he and Johnson had some quarrels and that he went on down the wharf; that when he came back by Thomas' bar, Johnson was standing in the door and called him a vile name, and picked up a brick to strike him. Then he pulled out his gun and fired.

There is another story to the effect that Johnson called Lique had words, and that Johnson called Lique a vile name, whereupon Lique went around the corner, got a pistol and returned and shot Johnson.

When Lique shot Johnson he ran up Dock street, with the police after him. Johnson was arrested by Captain Abram Jones of the Comet Stars, who is a special policeman, was passing Mr. W. E. Davis' residence on Dock street, and saw Lique hiding under Mr. Davis' residence. He blew his whistle and Policeman James Wells who was nearby arrested and took him to the city hall.

Johnson was put in jail. Captain Jones returned to Mr. Davis' residence, and upon searching under the house, found Lique's pistol secreted on a sill.

Johnson was carried to the city hall where Dr. A. H. Harris dressed his wound. He was not hurt much.

The Bible Studies.

A large audience, considering the wet weather, attended at the Y. M. C. A. last night to hear Rev. Will B. Oliver, pastor of the First Baptist church, in his lecture on "Is the Bible True?" All who were there had a treat. It is not too much to say that rarely has there been a better lecture in the auditorium.

It lasted 35 minutes and there was a general expression of many auditors of a desire for more of the same kind.

If anyone present had any doubts beforehand, of the truth of the Bible, he was certainly given reasons enough to cast his doubts to the winds. Mr. Oliver claimed that the truth of the Bible was proven by its own character; by its consistency, one part with another, and one author with another, though widely separated as to time and habitation; by its honesty in never disguising the foibles of its heroes; by the pyramids, and monuments of Egypt and Asia, which give corroborating proof of its truth; by science, which though once denying, is more and more coming not only to acknowledge, but to prove the truth of the record of creation; by its fulfilled prophecy of the dispersion of the Jews; by the corroboration of the Bible by all philosophers and founders of religions.

Mr. Oliver instanced too much disputed Bible accounts: Men said the flood was an impossibility, an absurdity. Yet shells and fish bones on the tops of mountains prove that some time the fountains of the deep were broken up and new worlds came out of the waters. Again it is claimed that the story of Jonah in the whale's belly was a myth. Yet there are fish large enough to swallow man, and by hypnotism men have been put to sleep and buried for days and then resurrected. "These scoffers would say that these things are possible without the aid of all-powerful God."

It was announced that while the exact date of the next lecture of the series could not yet be stated it was expected that two weeks from last night, Dr. Hoge would speak on the History of the Bible.

Another Failure at Paris Texas.

Paris, Texas, March 24.—At 7 o'clock this morning John Dickson fled a deed of trust covering his stock of clothing, gentler and various goods and machinery and notions, to O. C. O'Conner for the benefit of certain creditors, to the amount of \$32,100. A large portion of it is borrowed money, due to the Farmers and Merchants' bank and local capitalists and wholesale merchants in other cities. The amount of the debt cannot yet be determined. The failure was caused by the closing of the Farmers and Merchants' bank yesterday. Great uneasiness still prevails and money is still being drawn from banks by depositors though not in any large amounts.

The Wilmington Light Horse Company.

The first military organization in the town of Wilmington that we have a record of was a cavalry company called the Wilmington Light Horse. It was composed of our best citizens and it is recalled that Ex-Gov. Dudley and Dr. James F. McRee, Sr., served as captains.

Their place of meeting was in front of the old jail which then stood on the lot adjoining the present building so long used as a court house. Immediately opposite was an enormous oak tree, its trunk hollowed out by age and in which the boys used to congregate and watch the evolutions of the troop with the most intense delight. But the trumpeter of the company, Philip Bazzadere by name, was the central object of their admiration. He came here from the island of Guadaloupe, a harpist by profession or as he was fond of styling himself, a tonsorial artist, and was of mixed blood. His manners were very polished and his address extremely courteous and dignified. In fact it was a pleasure to meet him and to receive his polite bow with uplifted hat and his usual greeting "your servant sir." He was scrupulously neat in his dress, wore a broadcloth and a beaver hat and a half dozen or more white cravats around his throat as the fashion then was, indeed the latter was carried to a very great extreme and it is recalled that on one occasion a prominent leader of society being taken suddenly ill, fourteen linen cambric cravats were unwound from his neck. Whenever there was to be a parade of the Light Horse Philip was in his glory. Dressed in a scarlet coat and cocked hat with breeches to suit and top boots, he would mount his horse early in the morning and gallop fiercely through the streets, stopping for a moment at each square to toot his horn and which announced to the slumbering inhabitants that the Light Horse would parade that day. No peacock with all his brilliant feathers displayed could be vainer than he, nor bantam cock strutting in the barnyard more conceited. He really thought he was the most important personage in the town and that without him, the Light Horse would not exist. A crowd of boys of all colors generally followed at his heels as he rode along, shouting and hurraing with might and main which added much to the excitement of the occasion and to his own self importance and conceit. But there was no harm in him and he was always, even when dressed up in his scarlet uniform, polite and respectful.

His barbershop was in the alley that runs from Front to Water street known as Bank Alley and adjoined the Cape Fear Bank lot and his residence was above it. He did not confine himself entirely to his shop for he could be seen on the streets every morning with his razors and can of hot water and a towel. He was a very good wending his way to the residences of many of his customers to wait on them at their homes and bearing himself with great dignity as he passed along. He was one of the institutions of the town and very much respected, but unfortunately he grew old he began to tilt with John Barleycorn and with the result that he fell into the gutter into that contest. After a few rounds he was compelled to throw up the sponge and disappeared from the public gaze entirely and upon enquiry it was discovered that the tonsorial artist of the Light Horse, old Philip Bazzadere had succumbed his last note and departed. He died very poor and we think, neglected, and has long since been forgotten.

Stolen Trunk Recovered.

Policeman J. W. Smith and Messrs. Roy Smith and Frank Neilson, while searching for Mr. Tom Sykes' stolen trunk, found it yesterday at 12:30 o'clock. It was hid in an outhouse on the premises where the house recently burned on North Front street road, and which was occupied by Mrs. Pigford. The trunk had not been broken but a broken knife was lying by the trunk. It is supposed the thief tried to open the trunk but broke the knife and left off the job till last night. The trunk contained two suits of clothing, underwear, \$18 in money, a gold watch, jewelry and other articles. Nothing had been taken from it. The trunk was stolen Monday night from Mr. Sykes' room in the Rock Spring hotel.

Deputy Sheriff J. P. Flynn yesterday arrested Abraham Nutt, Tom Lane and James Brady, all colored, on suspicion of having had a hand in the affair. Nutt had a bunch of keys belonging to the dining room at the Rock Spring hotel, and a pair of iron knucks were taken from his person. He was bound over to court in two cases for larceny and carrying concealed deadly weapons—and was required to give a bond of \$50 in each case. The other two men were discharged.

More Spanish Victories in Cuba.

Havana, March 24.—General Linieres reports that his command of 1,600 men, comprising infantry, cavalry and artillery, left Songo, in the province of Santiago de Cuba, and at La Sal ranch encountered several parties of rebels under the leadership of Cebreco, with whom they had a sharp engagement. The rebels were finally forced to retire from their positions, which were occupied by the Spanish troops.

It is reported that the camp of Calixto Garcia's column has been captured by the Spaniards after a severe fight, the conclusion of which the insurgents were found to have left sixteen of their number dead on the field. The capture of the camp was effected by a dashing cavalry charge. The rebels were reinforced by the band under Rabi and awaited the troops at Balre Arriba, but were obliged to retire to a point within sight of Jiguaní. In the course of these journeys and the engagements the rebels lost twenty-seven killed. The Spaniards had one lieutenant and four privates wounded.

By order of Captain General Weyler, Isabela Rafael Bourke, an English prisoner who has been for some time detained at Cienfuegos, was yesterday released.

The Three Friends Reaches Jacksonville.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 24.—The famous steamer Three Friends arrived in port this evening, with the equally famous Mexican tug Asturias and two barges in tow. She crossed the bar early this morning but her trip up the river was slow on account of the heavy tow. It was rumored on the street Tuesday that the Three Friends had turned her barges and the tug over to the captain of the tug O. D. Williams, from Miami, and that she would proceed to Fernandina and ship arms and ammunition for Cuban soldiers.

The theory of the tatters is exploded, but the next thing in the minds will be to do something bearing on the new tug that has been brought up to the river by the Three Friends. It has been suggested that the Asturias is about the right size for filibustering.

ASSASSINATION AT DUDLEY.

Frank Baker Shot and Instantly Killed by an Unknown Party Last Saturday Night. Baker Was a Desperate Man and Was Generally Obnoxious—No clue to the Slayer—The Inquest.

At 9:30 o'clock last Saturday night, at Dudley, Wayne county, on the Wilmington and Weldon railroad, Frank Baker, colored, was shot in the neck and instantly killed by some unknown person. At the time of the killing Baker was in the store of Mr. Ira T. Hatch, and several colored and white men were in the store at the same time. The shot was fired from the outside, and is supposed to have come from a rifle. It struck Baker in the front part of the neck and passed through, shattering the spinal column. He dropped in his tracks and expired in a few seconds.

The motive for the assassination is not known, but it is believed to have been one of three things. Baker, who is a mulatto about 30 years of age, had made himself exceedingly obnoxious to the community among both whites and blacks. He is the man who created the riot in Goldsboro, just prior to the election, in which several persons were hurt. At a political meeting he denounced the white people of Wayne county and called the men the most outrageous names and making all manner of threats. This may have afforded the motive for the killing.

Baker had also recently reported some moonshiners, and it may have been one of them that so summarily put him out of the way.

The murdered man had also made himself exceedingly obnoxious when the general assembly was in session by securing the passage of an act incorporating the town of Dudley, against the wishes of the people of the village. Most of the inhabitants are colored, and they opposed the charter because they would be subjected to a town tax. Baker did not own a foot of property in the place.

Baker is said to have been a desperate character and had made himself generally obnoxious. Even the people of his own color could not endure him and were in constant dread of the man. Saturday night, after the murder, Baker's friends telegraphed to the sheriff at Goldsboro to come and bring his blood hounds. Sunday morning the sheriff took a deputy or two to Dudley, but up to last accounts he had no trace of the slayer. He is a populist, and declined to take the blood hounds because Baker during the election denounced him and urged the negroes to vote against him because he kept bloodhounds with which to run down negroes.

Mr. Person, the coroner of Wayne county, went to Dudley on Sunday and held an inquest over the remains of Baker. After examining the witnesses, the jury rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death at the hands of a person unknown to the jury.

Baker had a wife and two or three children.

A Remarkable Gun.

How true is the saying that there is nothing new under the sun. We boast of our wonderful inventions, our superiority over the ancients in the application of science to inanimate matter and the production thereby of things useful or destructive, and yet it turns out that what we regard as new discoveries were known centuries ago by those of an earlier age in the world's history. Take, for instance, fire arms. While the improvement in them has been wonderful, so much so, in fact, that they have almost reached perfection, not only as regards mechanical skill in their manufacture and finish, but in the marvellous range of the projectiles, and yet during the revolutionary war, a Tar Heel, unknown to fame, invented and made use of a gun which he used with fatal effect at a very long distance.

It was during the occupancy of the town by the British forces under Cornwallis, and the cavalry horses were taken nearly every day to the dock at the foot of Market street to drink and be washed off. One morning the soldier in attendance was observed to suddenly fall, and upon examination it was discovered that he had been shot, but where the bullet came from could not be ascertained. This was repeated so often that it became a very serious matter, a half dozen or more having been killed, and every effort was made to solve the mystery. At length, one morning, while two of the soldiers were leading the horses into the dock one was struck down by the invisible marksman, and the other, casting his eye up the river, discovered a small wreath of smoke rising above the tree tops on Point Peter, nearly, if not quite, a half mile distant. A squad of soldiers was immediately sent up to the Point, but the bird had flown—had doubtless seen them coming and made his escape. They discovered that he had concealed himself in the top of one of the highest trees on the Point, and from that elevated position had used his weapon with such deadly effect. But what kind of a weapon could it have been, for no ordinary rifle such as was generally used in those days could have carried a ball that distance, and, besides, the arms in general use then were the smooth-bore muskets.

It is unfortunate that we have no history of that remarkable gun. It must have been constructed upon a new principle entirely, preceeding all the inventions of the present day, but in keeping with the characteristics of the North Carolinians. From the present, no account of it seems to have been retained and, consequently, it has passed into oblivion and been forgotten. It must have been a wonderful weapon and the one who used it a crack shot, in every way equal to the famous hero of Cowpens, the "Swamp Fox" of the South, and, in fact, to an equal share of immortality.

Your Boy Won't Live a Month.

So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St., South Gardner, Mass., was told by doctors. His son had lung trouble, following Typhoid Malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy-five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up, saying: "Your boy won't live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work as a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to use of Dr. King's New Discovery, and knows it to be the best in the world for Lung trouble. Trial Bottles Free at R. R. Bellamy's Drug Store.

Transvaal Minister to European Courts.

Pretoria, March 24.—Dr. W. J. Leyds, secretary of state of the South African republic, has been appointed to succeed the late Jonkhoe Beelants van Blackland as plenipotentiary of the South African republic to the European governments. The new minister will have his quarters at the Harar and it is understood that he will institute a pro-British policy.

"A Precious Relic."

We publish with much pleasure the following interesting communication from Dr. R. F. Lewis, of Hub, N. C., in regard to the article which appeared in The Messenger a few days ago headed "A Precious Relic." It differs somewhat from our statement, but the main fact of the blowing up of the piratical ship is confirmed. The doctor says he "has no tradition of there being a gold table in the sunken vessel," but we have had such a one from the days of our boyhood, but of course we do not vouch for it. We simply "told the tale as it was told to us."

Hub, N. C., March 22.

Editors Messenger: An article in this morning's Messenger, "A Precious Relic," attracted my attention, and reminded me of the fact that I am a lineal descendant of the first white child born in the Cape Fear country, which event took place at old Brunswick, and the youth was fourteen years of age when that place was attacked and captured by two Portuguese pirates living in the counties of Bladen, Columbus and Robeson. This is the tradition I have of the matter.

These vessels captured the place as stated, the citizens making no resistance whatever, as they were totally unarmed. The crews of both vessels were soon pillaging the town and the surrounding farms, and while this was going on the magazine of one of the vessels exploded, tearing it all to pieces and killing all on board. This frightened the pirates on shore, when all who were near by ran hastily into the other ship, raised sails and put back to sea, leaving a good many of their crew on the shore. Several were captured and summarily dealt with, while some got away and came further up into the country, which at that time was sparsely settled. It is said that the descendants of these escaping pirates are today living in the counties of Bladen, Columbus and Robeson.

I have no tradition, however, of there being a gold table in the sunken vessel.

No Proposals From Greece.

London, March 23.—In the house of commons today Mr. G. N. Curzon, under-secretary of state, replied to a question by Sir Charles Dilke, said that the government had not received any proposals from Greece looking to a compromise with the powers beyond what was contained in Greece's supplementary note, which had already been made known to the house. It seemed, however, that the Greek minister at Paris had made verbal communications to M. Hanotaux, the French minister of foreign affairs, but none such has been made to the government of Great Britain.

In reply to a question, Mr. Curzon said that Turkey was not taking any part in the blockade of Cretan ports, and that Turkish merchant vessels in entering the ports of Crete would be subject to the same restrictions as were imposed upon vessels of other nations.

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